

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? (If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?) Definitely Yes

*No I should not be forced to be reexamined -  
I can buy or fill in my glasses when I  
please & wish to do so with my aid.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*Very expensive and in many many cases  
completely unnecessary reexamination when  
you want to change, renew or try a new  
hearing aid!!!*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? No

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? Yes

*by all means - Otherwise hearing aids  
are completely out of the budget of so many*

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